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UNITED STATES  
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In re Orders Issued by This Court ]  
Interpreting Section 215 of the Patriot Act ]

Docket No. Misc. 13-02

In re Motion for Declaratory Judgment ]  
of A First Amendment Right ]  
to Publish Aggregate Information ]  
About FISA Orders ]

Docket No. Misc. 13-03

In re Motion to Disclose ]  
Aggregate Data Regarding FISA Orders ]

Docket No. Misc. 13-04

MOTION OF THE REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, ABC,  
INC., THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, BLOOMBERG L.P., DOW JONES & COMPANY, INC.,  
GANNETT CO., INC., LOS ANGELES TIMES, THE MCCLATCHY COMPANY,  
NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO, INC., THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY, THE NEW  
YORKER, THE NEWSWEEK/DAILY BEAST COMPANY LLC, REUTERS AMERICA LLC,  
TRIBUNE COMPANY, AND THE WASHINGTON POST FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF AS  
*AMICI CURIAE* IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION FOR THE RELEASE OF COURT  
RECORDS AND THE MOTIONS FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

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The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, ABC, Inc., The Associated Press, Bloomberg L.P., Dow Jones & Company, Inc., Gannett Co., Inc., Los Angeles Times, The McClatchy Company, National Public Radio, Inc., The New York Times Company, The New Yorker, The Newsweek/Daily Beast Company LLC, Reuters America LLC, Tribune Company, and The Washington Post move for leave to file the accompanying brief *amici curiae* in support of (1) the motion of the American Civil Liberties Union, et al., for the release of court records; (2) the motion for declaratory judgment of Google Inc.’s first amendment right to publish aggregate information about FISA orders; and (3) Microsoft Corporation’s motion for declaratory judgment or other appropriate relief authorizing disclosure of aggregate data regarding any FISA orders it has received.

This coalition of news media organizations writes separately in support of the communications carriers to emphasize a related point that complements the arguments of the carriers and their civil liberties *amici*. In addition to implicating their rights as speakers, the Google and Microsoft cases raise important concerns relating to the interests of the public in receiving information, an interest that the Supreme Court has long recognized as a separate component of the speech and press freedoms under the First Amendment. Where the communications providers are willing speakers, the public has a heightened interest in hearing their speech. That interest is heightened even more when the government is itself choosing to provide information to the public regarding issues central to the Google and Microsoft cases.

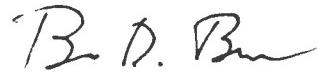
The public also has a formidable First Amendment interest in hearing directly from this Court about its core judicial activities in interpreting the statutes that give rise to its jurisdiction. The way the public learns about any tribunal’s activities is chiefly through its opinions, and thus the news media coalition also files in support of the request for public access to this Court’s

interpretations of Section 215 of the Patriot Act that address the meaning, scope, and constitutionality of this law.

Counsel for all parties have consented to the filing of the accompanying brief.

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Respectfully submitted,



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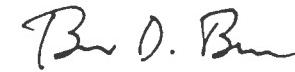
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